

Proposed Agenda
August 4 and 5, 2006 Wolf Management Roundtable Meeting
Quality Inn, 913 Boulevard Drive St. Ignace, MI.

ATTACHMENTS:

- “Important Topics” list
- Facilitator report of the July 14 meeting
- Planning needs document

AGENDA (The agenda proposes a process for the group to follow. No attempt has been made to assign time periods to the group process.)

August 4:

9:00 a.m. start
10:30 break
12-12:30 lunch
2:30 break
5:00 p.m. adjourn

Evening; dinner on your own; Dr. John Vucetich has agreed to present a slideshow to the group on some of his research and experiences on Isle Royale Moose/Wolf ecology. Time and details will be presented during the meeting

August 5:

8: a.m. start
10:30 break
12-12:30 lunch
2:30 break
4 to 5:00 p.m. adjourn

I. Miscellaneous

- A. Introductions (if new faces are present)
- B. Announcements
 - 1. Dr. John Vucetich, presentation time and place
- C. Revise/Approve the Agenda

II. Completing Business from the 14th (refer to the “Facilitator report of the July 14 meeting”)

- A. Issue Category 3 (Responding to the depredation events appropriately); unresolved guideline proposal (“DNR should take an incremental approach to addressing wolf–livestock conflicts, guided by severity and frequency of conflicts. When severity and frequency of conflicts is low, more conservative methods should be applied whereas increasingly more aggressive control methods may (or should) be applied as the severity and frequency of conflicts increase.”) (discussion leader: Cynthia Radcliffe, NWF)

B. Are we finished with each of these?

1. Issue Category 1 (Livestock producer rights and responsibilities)
2. Issue Category 2 (Compensation for depredation)
3. Issue Category 3 (Responding to the depredation events appropriately)

C. Do we need to consider these any further?

1. Issue Category 6 (Identifying wolf depredation accurately)
2. Issue Category 7 (Putting wolf depredation in perspective with other wildlife-related losses)
3. Issue Category 8 (Depredation on privately owned cervids)

D. Continuing the discussion of livestock owner authorization to control depredating wolves

1. Review our progress from July 14.
2. Further discussion on the six questions (and others?)
3. Consideration of guideline(s)

III. New topics for Aug 4/5 meeting

A. Explore additional concerns regarding the selection and use of depredation control methods.

“What concerns would you like Roundtable guidelines to address regarding the selection of management strategies to control livestock depredation?”

1. #9 General concerns about application of depredation control methods
2. #10 Control of population (versus individual wolves) to reduce depredation
3. #11 Trap and relocation as an option to reduce depredation
4. Others?
 - a. Remaining List of options from “planning needs”
 - (1) lethal removal of “problem” wolves by
 - (a) government employees
 - (b) recreational harvesters
 - (2) non-lethal intervention
 - (a) trap and relocation
 - (b) intervention methods to avoid problems (e.g., livestock management; harrassment)
 - (c) fertility controls to reduce wolf abundance
 - (3) use of “zero tolerance” zones to exclude wolves from certain areas high probability of problems (e.g., agricultural, residential)

B. Discuss concerns (issues) and consider guidelines

1. Addressing a concern (issue)
 - a. Questions and answers; fact finding
 - (1) e.g., why is it a concern?
 - (2) e.g., how good is our information; what does our science or experience tell us for sure?
 - (3) e.g., what are the risks?

- (4) others...
- b. What guidelines might apply; Roundtable response to the concerns (issues)
 - (1) propose guidelines
 - (2) discuss and revise
- c. Get to consensus on Roundtable guidelines relating to this concern (issue)

C. Select an approach to other challenges

- 1. List from planning needs document:
 - a. depredation of hunting dogs in the field
 - b. depredation of pets on or near residential areas
 - c. habituated (“fearless”) wolf behaviors creating public concerns for safety
 - d. potential or actual impacts on other wildlife species (e.g., deer)
- 2. Generate and combine concerns

“What concerns would you like Roundtable guidelines to address regarding...?”

- 3. Discuss concerns
- 4. Consider guidelines

IV. Before we leave on August 5

- A. Review our growing “Important Topics” list
- B. Review: do we need approved “talking points” for this meeting?
- C. Plans for the next meetings
 - 1. August 18
 - a. Where?
 - b. Special topics, assignments etc?
 - 2. August 30 and 31
 - a. Where?
 - b. Special topics, assignments etc.?
- D. Roundtable Member Comments: How are we doing?